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It has been over seven months since Applicants' timely filed on May 17, 2005 an Amendment in response to a final rejection of the above Application. No reply to the Amendment has been received from the U.S. Patent Office. Entry of the Amendment by the Examiner is believed to be in order under 37 CFR 1.116 since claims remaining after the Amendment are either allowed, rewritten for allowance as independent claims, or depend on an allowed base claim. Further, the Amendment corrects Claims 8 and 28 informalities, as requested by the Examiner. Since the Amendment clearly places the Application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be expedited.

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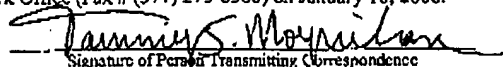
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